NEED OF NEW PRISON

PLANS PRESENTED FOR AN ADDI-TION TO THE PENITENTIARY.

CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT SUGGESTED. Plen for an Enlarged Board, with

Power to Appoint the Officers of the Institutions-Earnings to Used to Pay for Building.

The Senate Committee on Public Institutions and Education and the House Committee on Asylums and Prisons beld joint meeting yesterday morning, at which matters connected with the management of the penitentiary and improve ats there were discussed at As a result of the meeting, a littee was appointed to further consider these matters, and report de-

sirable legislation Dr. B. L. Winston presided and Mesars Frank T. Glasgow and W. D. Chesierman, of the Board of Directors of the penitentlary; Superintendent B. W. Lynn, and Architect W. C. West appeared before the body, with reference to the various phases of the subject under con-*iderati

PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENTS. Mr. Glasgow, president of the board, presented a plan showing the location and general outline of two buildings, the one comprising a modern prison of 304 steel be occupied by two convicts

and Massachusetts laws, and would be glad to furnish the information to a

POWERS OF THE DIRECTORS. It appeared from the statement of Mr. heaterman that each member of the ourd receivese \$150 per annum; has no that dispense, but may reconnected the Governor for his again a matron and two clerks. recommen dispense, appointthe board renewed its recommendation of wo years ago, that its membership be enlarged, that it be given power to elect all officers as proposed in the bill which the sub-committee will report.

Superintendent Lynn replied to a new control of the control of the

ber of questions regarding the instituings Delegate Wilson stated that he and others had recently seen the prisoners fed, and found the fare ample and good. WITH A SUB-COMMITTEE.

The committees seemed impressed with the statements made before them, talked the statements made before them, talked the matter over at length, listened to the reading of the petition of the Presbyterian ministers urging that the accommodations of the prison be increased, and it was the sense of the joint body that the subject be left in the hands of a subcommittee, who will consider the advisability of reporting a bill making a change in the management of the penitentiary, so that nine directors, three of whom shall be from Klehmond, whall consider an Executive Committee, which whom shall be from Elehmond, shall con-stitute an Executive Committee, which shall have the appointment of the super-intendent and all officers. There seems to be a strong sentiment in the com-mittees as well as aroong legislators generally, to remove the penitentiary from the supers of politics, which it is claimthe sphere of politics, which, it is claimed, would be effected by a bill drafted on

THE EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY BILL. Consideration of This Important Matter.

The Committee on Courts of Justice

stood as to the bill. The measure was

A COMPANY OF EX-CONFEDERATES Designed to Supersede Capitol Police and Penttentiary Guards,

There will be introduced in the House in a few days a bill which will be of great interest to ex-Confederate soldiers, as well as Virginians generally. It will provide that the duties at present performed by the Capitol police and the penitentiary guards be performed by a military company composed of ex-Con federate soldiers.

The idea originated with the Vista Camp of Confederate Veterans, and Captain J. W. Talley, commander of that camp, is in the city for the pur se of interesting the legislators in Several prominent ex-Confedecity are supporting the rates of this scheme, and Captain Tailey says he has little doubt of its being acted upon favorably by the Legislature.

favorably by the Legislature.

Captain Talley says that if the company is organized, and composed of exConfederates, the work now performed by the penitentiary guards and the Capitol police will be discharged at the same cost as at present, and at the same time the State will afford relief to a class of citizens which it has always been is citizens which it has always been its policy to relieve to every extent possible asserts that the idea is not a new one, as a company of soldiers discharged duties in ante-bellum days, satisfaction to the people and the State officials. Captain Talley will ask the co-operation of the camps of Confederate veterans throughout the State, and is sure of obtaining it.

THE MARYLAND BOUNDARY.

SANTA GETS THEM

COMES FOR HIS LETTERS AND TAKES THEM HOME WITH HIM.

WILL VISIT ALL THE CHILDREN

He Acknowledges Receipt of Letters Received Up to Thursday-The Others Are Forwarded to Him. He Is Getting His Toys Ready.

The Dispatch has to apologize to the children for not having been able to publish all the letters that came from them in Santa Claus's mail. Santa came to the office, however, and read all of them through, and promised to attend to the wants of the children whom he loves so dearly. He returned to his home, near the North Pole, with his sleigh filled with the letters, and, together with Mrs. Santa, he expects again to read them all over carefully.

The children's friend made out a list of those whose letters were received at this office before Thursday, when he said he must close his mail-bag, and this list is published this morning at his request, he being desirous of acknowledging the receipt of the letters. A large number of letters came for him after he had departed, and these were sent to him yes-terday. He will get them to-day, but he Senator Mason has not pressed his resolution recently introduced in the Senate, providing for the appointment of

mart, Laura, Pearl, and Birdie Della Ross Stovall, Wille Schlueter, Florence Scott Smith, Alicand Oscar Snead, John Hazlewood Hazlewood ph Charles and Oscar Snead, John Haziewood Stringer, Sadie and Joseph Charles Schell, Whitney Bland Sutton, Clinton Earl Osterbind Starke, Famile Schultz, Maude Sullivan, Janie Ruffin Sims, and luanita Shaw.

Mabel A. Thompson, Minnie Louise Thompson, Etheline Tiller, Edward R. Trainum, Alma L. Trower, Ruth Toler, Louise Laube, Helen W., and Maude V. Tyler, Wellford Tyler, Albert Thalhimer, Thatcher, Eva Clarissy Temple Louise Tanner, Elise Tucker, Willie Ernest Tallman, Drury Thompson, Eula C., Junius Lloyd, and Charles S. Taylor, Carrie A. Tyler, Alice Watkins Tyler, Bertha Tisdale, and Julia Traylor.

Ruth and Eugene Valentine. W.

Annie, Hugh. Norman, Ashby Walton, Ruby Wade, William Warren Walthall, Enis Pearl Wilson, G. Nelly Womble, Charles Watkins, Ruby Walton, James L. Woodson, Joseph Wharton, Bernard Weisman, Ruby West, West, Louise, Nellie, and Gray Wakefield, Janie Walker, Annie Chesterman, Maude H., Solon B., and Clifton Woodfin, Willard Josephine Wright, Bes-sie Waldrop; Jimmie Whitfield, Manches-ter; Louise and Marie White, Barton Heights; Frank Worsham, and Bessie Wright.

Minter L. Yarbrough, Frank Yarbrough,

SICK CHILDREN WAIT FOR SANTA. enclosed letter was read at the weekly meeting of the Retreat for the Sick, and it is needless to say many of the demands were at once provided for by members of the board. Perhaps friends of the institution and of these little sufferers may feel inclined to supply some of the articles desired; in which case they may receive all information at the "Retreat," as to what is yet required, so that there may be no more duplicates than the list calls for. No doubt some ingenious person will donate the "funewhile it is reasonable to suppose that at a hospital a "little dead man" may be readily procured.
WANTS OF THE LITTLE CHILDREN

IN THE WARD. Mary Tinsley -Cup and saucer, with blue dress, puzzle, and doll furni-

Mary Toler -Doll, with red dress, teaet, toy stove, and picture-book. Kent Sessums -- Funeral, with a little ead man in the hearse, toy train, mar-

les, and a ball. Frank Demaster-Toy dog, train, ball, by watch, and building blocks, Olivia Henning -Tea-set, doll, with pink

ress, scissors, and a game. Herbert Patram —Tool-chest, toy pistol, all, Noah's Ark, and toy watch.

John Creckenberger -Candy dog, white y doll, Santa Claus, and a horse and wagon. Scissors and paper dolls for all to cut.

REINDEER FOR THE GOVERNMENT To Transport Supplies to the Klondike Miners.

WASHINGTON, December 20.-Secretary Alger to-day cabled to William A. Kjellmann, the chief government reindeer herdsman, who is now in Alten, Norway, to inform the War Department immemidately how soon 600 reindeer can be shipped to this country. These are wanted for use as draught animals in getting supplies to the miners in the Klondike regions. It is said that they must be transferred at New York to the from the Pacific coast up to Dyea or such other point as may be selected as the base of operations by the relief ex-

Secretary Alger has determined, after advising with the medical officers of the War Department, and persons who have had much experience in regions, to make large use of condensed food preparations. Not only will the meats taken be in the most concentrated form, but particular efforts are making to secure condensed preparations of vegetables, such as potatoes and onions, Secretary Alger has begun an inquiry to

asked the British Government to request from the Canadian Government permission to pass these stores through Ca-nadian territory free of duty. It is not anticipated that any objection will be made to granting the request, nor to the accompanying request that will be made for permission for our soldiers to pass over Canadian territory as guards for the expeditions, although an order Privy Council will be required for the suspension of duties.

FIRE IN BALTIMORE,

Establishment of Crook, Horner Co. Partially Destroyed.

BALTIMORE, December 20.-The extensive establishment of Crook, Horner & Co., dealers in plumbers', machinists', and millers' supplies, at the corner of Howard and Saratoga streets, this city, was partially destroyed by fire to-day, entailing a loss of about \$150,000 to stock and building. The fire was discovered on the top floor of the seven-story building soon after 5 o'clock, and is supposed to have been started by a match carelessly thrown in a lot of cotton waste by an employee of the firm. By the time the fire department reached the scene the flames

on one floor were about 400 tons of heavy machinery, but, fortunately, the fire was extinguished in time to save this and everything underneath it from destruc-

On one of the burned floors were about \$50,000 worth of patterns, which cannot be replaced. Beside this the firm lost about \$75,000 on stock, fully covered by

insurance The building, which belongs to the Rieman estate, was damaged to the extent

FIERCE GALE IN NEWFOUNDLAND. Great Damage to Fishing Estab-

ST. JOHNS, N. F., December 20 .- A terrible gale swept this island yesterday, and did immense damage to fishing establishments and vessels at all the coast settlements, Tweive schooners ashore in Green Bay and became total wrecks, and several others were badly

Placentia Bay have been seriously burfeted by the storm.

Trade-Unionists Must Quit Militia. CHICAGO. December 20.—The Times-Herald says: Trades-unionists are re-quired by the Chicago Federation of La-bor to leave the National Guard at once. This was the unanimous decision reached by the delegates at their regular weekly meeting.

It was said without contradiction that a union man could not consistently serve in the militia and incur the risk of being called out to shoot down fellow-trade-unionists who might be on strike for the betterment of their economic condition. So any trade-unionist who is a member of the Illinois National Guard will be requested to secure a discharge at once.

The Pope in Good Health.

Leroy Rowe, Oliver Worsham and Alvin Freeman Rudd, John Rebman, Jr., Mattie and Newall Rountree. Annie and Maud Ransberg. Norma Ragland, Ethel and Allene Rippan, Bernard A. and Grace E. Raborg, and Lydia Alice Roach, S.

Bernard and James A. Sweeney, Charley Somna, Lena and Mayme Schardt, Eliza C. Sheppard, Eddie and Alma Schmidt. Grace Alice Stovall, Hazel

IN REVENUE. BRING

MR. SAUNDERS'S MEASURE DESIGN-ED TO EFFECT THIS END.

Board of Assessors and Appraisers to Assess the Property of Telehone, Telegraph, and Express

a measure in the House that will revolutionize the methods of assessing the property of telephone, telegraph, and express companies, and will bring upon the tax-lists a large amount of property which now evades assessment.

The Board of Assessors and Appraisers created by this act will not be confined to assessing the visible tangible property of these companies, but will be enabled to reach and assess that portion of the entire capital which may be considered as localized in this State.

the Supreme Court of the United States, whatever value property has for the purposes of sale it, has for taxation, and if, as the results of the use of tangible chises, a company creates a valuable intangible property, then that property is a legitimate subject of taxation, and should be reached. The object of my bill is to reach this property, and as the principle of my measure has been sustained in the courts, it appeals with force to the General Assembly for adop-

promises to be a success, since it will decidedly increase the amount of taxed property in the Commomnwealth,

persons, joint stock association n, or corporation, wherever organized or incormitting to, from, through, or in this State lephonic messages, shall be held to be a telephone company.

this State shall, annually, between the 1st and 15th of May, under oath, make and file with the Auditor of Public Acounts a statement in such form as the State Auditor may prescribe, containing the following information: The name of the company, its nature, and location of principal office; the name and post-office address of the officers; the number of shares of the capital stock, the par value and market value thereof; or, if there be no market value, the actual value of its shares of stock as of February 1st; a de railroads, and in that manner carried shares of stock as of February 1st; a de-across the Continent, and again by sea tailed statement of the real estate owned by the company in Virginia, where situ-ated, and the value thereof as assessed for taxation; a full and correct inventory of the personal property, including money and credits owned by the company in Virginia on February 1st, where situated, and the value thereof; total value of the real estate owned by the company situated outside of Virginia; the total value of the personal property owned by the company and situated outside of Virginia.

HOW THEY WILL BE TAXED. In the case of telegraph and telephon ompanies, the whole length of their lines ascertain the amount of such stores and the length of so much of their lines, available for purchase by the governas is without and is within the State of ment, and the prices demanded for them.

The State Department has already lines shall include what said telegraph and telephone companies control and use under lease or otherwise; also, the miles of wire in each city, county, town, and school district in the State. In the case school district in the State. In the case of telegraph and express companies, the entire gross receipts of the company from whatever source derived for the rear

> In the case of telegraph and express companies, the gross receipts for the year ending January 31st, from whatever source derived, of each office within the State of Virginia, giving the location by school district of each office, and the total gross receipts of the company for such period in Virginia. In the case of express companies, the whole length of the lines of rail and water routes over which the company did business on the ist day of May, the length of so much of said lines, whether land or water transportation, as is without and is within Virginia, naming the lines in Virginia, and showing what proportion there of is in each county, city, town, and school district thereof. Blanks for making the different state-

> Auditor of Public Accounts. The Auditor of Public Accounts, the Governor and the Treasurer of the Commonwealth shall constitute a board to be known the State Board of Appraisers and As sessors, of which board the Governor shall be ex-officio president. In the absence or inability of the president, the members shall appoint one of their number president pro tempore, and the two acting together may exercise the entire powers given by this act to the full board.

> The said board shall appoint a secre tary, and shall annually, on the third Monday in May, beginning with the year 1888, meet in the office of the Audi-tor of Public Accounts for the purpose of assessing the property of express, telegraph, and telephone companies in the State of Virginia. Called meetings of the board may be had at any time an place indicated by the president, at which sessions they shall have the power to do any and all things which they may

Public Accounts shall lay before the board the statements and schedules returned to him pursuant to the provisions of this act, and the board shall then proceed to ascertain and assess the value of the property of said companies. In of the property of said companies. In determining the value of the property of these companies in this State to be taxed within the Commonwealth, and assessed as is herein provided, the board shall be guided by the value of the property as determined by the value of the entire capital stock of the corporations, and such other evidences an rules as will enable the board to arrive at the true value in money of the entire property of said companies within the State of Virginia.

State of Virginia.

In case any company falls, or refuses, to make the statement required by law, or furnish the board any information requested, the board shall inform itself as best it may on the matters necessary to be known in order to discharge its duties with respect to the assessment of

THE PENALTIES PRESCRIBED.

the other general laws.

The State Board of Appraisers and Assensors shall have the power to require the president, secretary, treasurer, and receiver, superintendent, managing age or other officer or employee or agent any such companies, to attend before the board and bring with him for the in-spection of the board any books or papers of such company in his posses don, custody or control, and to testify inder oath touching any matter relating to the business, property, moneys, o credits, and the value thereof of said companies. Any officer, employee, agent of such companies who shall refuse to comply with these provision guilty of a misdemeanor, and on con-viction thereo, shall be confined in jail not exceeding thirty days and be fined not exceeding \$500; and any officer, employee, or agent of such company so refusing, as aforesaid, shall be deemed gulity of contempt of said board, and may, upon conviction of the same, upon a rule to show cause why he should no be fined and attached for his contempt be confined by order of the State Board in the jail of county or corporation where the board may be in session, for a period not exceeding ten days at a time, and fined not exceeding \$500, for each repetition of his refusal until he shall comply with the order of the board

chapter 31 of the Code of Virginia, and

him under this act. HOW TAXES APPORTIONED. The State Board of Appraisers and As

and furnish the information required of

sessers shall, on or before the 1st day of June of each year, report to the Auditor of Public Accounts the total value of the property of all such companies as ascertained and assessed by the board ascertained and assessed by the board filing with their report the various state ments and other papers which have been considered by the board. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall deduct from the total valuation of the property of each of said companies in Virginia the value as assessed for taxation of any real estate situated in Virginia, and owned by said companies. The value of the property of said companies in Virginia, after de of said companies in Virginia, after de-ducting the value of the real estate, shall be apportioned by said Auditor among the several counties and corporations through which the lines of such telegraph or telephone company, or any part there-of, run, so that to each county, city, town, and school district therein shall town, and school district therein shall be apportioned as its respective part of the entire valuation, that portion of the entire valuation which shall be in the same proportion to the whole value of the property of the said telegraph or telephone company in this State, as the length of the lines of the said telegraph or telephone company in the said telegraph or telephone company in the said city, county, town, or school district shall be to the entire length of the lines of the said telegraph or telephone company in this State.

The value of the property of any express company skall be apportioned by the Auditor of Public Accounts among the several counties, cities, towns, and school districts thereof in which the company does business, in the proportion with the gross receipts of the business of said express company in the places where they transact business, compared to the entire gross receipts of said express companies

in this State.

Said Auditor shall certify to the Board of Supervisors of each county and Council of each city and town the amount proportioned to their county, city, town, or school district, as the case may be. The taxes on the valuation assessed under taxes on the valuation assessed under this act shall be collected the same as taxes on other personal property, and the rate of taxation shall be the same as that assessed against real and personal property in the State and the respective countles, towns, and tricts thereof.

EXCITEMENT AT PENSACOLA. Suspicions of Filibustering-Cruiser

Ready for Emergencies. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.) PENSACOLA, FLA., December 18 .-

was considerable activity on There board the United States steamer Montgomery yesterday, owing to information having reached her commander to the effect that several suspected fillbusterers were in the harbor. Consequently, the cruiser started steam up, and got it readiness to get under way.

The crew of the cruiser worked in conjunction with the revenue cutter Pen-rose. Late in the afternoon the Montgomery put a squad of armed men, in charge of an officer, on board the Pense and they will be relieved every

hours until further developments. The Montgomery also fitted out several of her boats with guns, ammunition, etc., to patrol the harbor, while the Penrese did duty outside, around Warrington. All the boats of the Montgomery have orders to fire two blank cartridges to bring to any suspected vessel, and, upon her neglecting to stop, a third shot, this time a loaded shell, is to be fired.

The Somers Smith, a pilot-boat, a vessel called the Britannia, and a schooner are loading here under official supervision. The Smith is said to have run several successful expeditions in the past, having escaped the Montgomery once, and as she came in from sea on Thurs-day night, and has been taking on board all day long a cargo of some description, an unusual proceeding for a pilot-boat, the Montgomery intends to follow her as soon as she gets under way. The tannia and the schooner have also been taking a cargo of boxes, supposed to be ammunition, etc., on board, and it is re-ported that the Dauntless is waiting somewhere outside the bar, in order to tranship the munitions at sea. It will thus be seen that a well organized exto Cuba is apparently being

equipped here. WATCH ON THE DAUNTLESS. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20 .-The Treasury Department has notified the Collector of Customs at Key West to keep a watch on the tug Dauntless, which is suspected of having another filibustering expedition on hand. The information was furnished by the manish Minister, who reported that the Dauntless had in tow a number of barges er lighters. While there was nothing apparently unlawful in the movements of the tug, the Minister said he had reason to believe she contemplated another expedition. In view of her previous achievements in that line, a strict watch

on her movements was ordered, Boy Parracide Sentenced.

LOUISVILLE, KY. December 20.—A special to the Evening Post from Barbourville, Ky., says: Tom Lawson, the 18-year-old boy who murdered his father on Brush creek, in this county, was given a life sentence in the penitentiary this morning. According to the evidence, the crime was a brutal one, and it is probable that no effort will be made to secure a new trial. Lawson killed his parent by striking him on the head with a hoe because the father had corrected him for some misdemeanor the lad had been guilty of.

Hefferman Easy for Ryan,

BUFFALO, N. Y., December 20.—"BUFF Hefferman, of Johannesburg, South Afri-ca, who has been touted as a second Fitz-anamons, made his initial appearance in an American ring to-night, and was put out by Tommy Ryan, of Syracuse, in three rounds. Hefferman was the easiest victim that Ryan has ever met.

Postmasters for North Carolina. WASHINGTON, December 20.—The fol-lowing fourth-class postmasters have been appointed: North Carolina—Chand-ler, E. W. Chandier; Collinsville, J. M. Putnam; Kellisord, E. D. Clark; Ramsey-town, Robert Warrick; Riceville, Nannie E. Clark; Wanfall, J. J. Chappell.

Cold Weather in Canada,

TORONTO, ONT., December 20.—From all parts of the Province come reports of severe weather. At White River the thermometer registered 20 degrees below zero, and at Mattawan it was in. Here it went to 4 below.

The Record In Knock-Out LYNN, MASS. December 20.—What claimed to be the record in knock-out was made to-night at the Hoffman, who Mike Higgins, of this city, put Tom Morgan, of Maiden, out in 51-2 seconds. The previous record was 6 seconds.

PLAN FOR NEW PRISON AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT THE PENITENTIARY.

ing, about 40 by 200 feet, containing kitchen, laundry, boiler-room, storekitchen, laundry, boiler-room, store-rooms, &c., on first floor, and a room on

Jumphing Vin Situations

the second floor large enough to seat all the convicts at meals, and to be used also as a chapel for religious services.

Mr. Glasgow stated that it, was already well known to most of the members of the committees that there were only 190 to the convicts. the committees that there were only 130 cells, in which over 1,200 male convicts were crowded. A few of the cells were large, perhaps 20 to 30 feet square, in which twenty to thirty convicts lived. The greater number of cells were less than 6 feet wide by 14 to 15 feet long, in which were kept an average of six convicts. The prison now proposed would take one built of the convicts from the take one half of the convicts from the old cells and relievo them to that extent. He further explained that the proposed prison was of modern design, a double prison, the outer one of brick 45 feet wide by 250 feet long, and the inner one a steel cage 18 feet wide, 235 feet long, leaving a corridor all around in which

guards would patrol day and night, and which would be lighted at night by electricity.

The prison, according to the plan, is to be located immediately in front of the old prison, the southwestern corner on Spring street, and fronting on that street, but being parallel with the front of the old prison. It diverges from Spring street, and is 16 feet from it at the

southeast corner.

The plan shows an administration building three stories high about 30x150 feet, attached to the prison building at its western end. The first floor contains offices, armory, and storerooms; the sethe third story contains a hospital of ample dimensions to be divided into as many wards as the surgeon may recom The present hospital has but one ward each for white and colored; there is no provision for separating contagious or infectious diseases, and the dying convict is surrounded by his sick fel-

low-convicts, who witness his death and the removal of the dead body. The two-story building shown in the plan will provide ample accommodation for cooking, laundry, boiler-room, etc. victs can be seated. At present the convicts take their meals to the roomssystem not followed in any well-man aged prison. The present cook- and laundry-rooms are underground, and en-

WHAT IT WOULD COST.

Mr. Glasgow further explained that the board had considered carefully the cost of the whole, and believed that it would not exceed \$150,000, with the use of convict labor, as far as practicable. It was thought at first that the amount might be provided by an issue of bonds as in cirely unfit for the purpose. be provided by an issue of bonds, as if the case of the University of Virginia but there was found a constitutional objection to this, and it was finally concluded that if the earnings of the peni tentiary were applied to the construction with an appropriation by the Legislatur of \$25,000 per annum towards payment of the officers and guards, it would be suffi-

cient, and, with rigorous management, the buildings might be completed in two years. It all turned on the contract with th Davis Boot and Shoe Company. The income of the penitentiary was derived from the contract with them. The State was exceedingly fortunate in such tenants, a company of fine business capacity, of large means, and who formed promptly and faithfully all their

CHANGE IN THE SYSTEM. Mr. Glasgow spoke of two or three other subjects he would like to bring to other subjects he would like to bring to the notice of the committee—one was a change in the government of the penitentiaty, so as to make it similar to the government of the other State Institutions, which he urgently recommended as in the interest of better government. The board should be enlarged by the addition of members from different points of the State, and should be given control of the institution, including the automatic and employees; to meet quarterly, with a small executive committee to most weekly. This change he advocated

with a small executive committee to be at weekly. This change he advocated before the committee at the last session of the Legislature, and observation since had confirmed the opinion he then held. Such a change, so far from being unfriendly to the incoming Superintendent, was very much in his interest. A superintendent who performed his duties faithfully had much greater assurance faithfully had much greater assurance of continued tenure, when his appoint-ment was made by a board than when he had to fight his way before the Legis-

met yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Hall of the House of Delegates to consider Mr. Reddy's "employers' liability bill," but the measure, after some little was passed by and made

special order for January 6th. Mr. Saunders was in the chair, and when the body was called to order, Mr. W. A. Glasgow, of Roanoke, said that he was considerably interested in the bill. and as he had not been able to hold : conference with the gentlemen represented by him, he asked the committee to pass the measure by until after the holl-Judge Williams, of Orange, also asked that the bill be passed by, as it

had not yet been even printed. Mr. Reddy said that under the rules the bill could not be printed until it had been acted upon by the committee. He was opposed to the measure being passed by. He thought no man could come before the committee with less grace than Mr. Glasgow and ask for a continuance of the matter, as a bill of similar charac ter had been introduced some sessions before, and the gentleman from Roanoke had fully discussed it before committees. mond Locomotive-Works, professed him-

self in entire ignorance of the provisions of the bill, and desired that its conside ration be postponed. Mr. Diggs moved that the bill be taken up, and, if possible, acted upon without useless delay. Those opposed to the measure would have ample time to fight it when it came before the Senate committee. He thought the opposition acknowledged that they had a bad case when they appeared with such a brilliant array of legal talent, when the other was not represented. Mr. Glasgow

informed him that Mr. C. V. Meredith was present to represente the employees. Mr. Saunders thought the committee wa perfectly competent to hear the argu-ment in the matter, even if the bill was not printed. They could investigate later. A motion was made that each side be

measure. Mr. Montague said that as far as he was concerned he was not ready to make any argument. Mr. Reddy proposed that the committee rise and convene to-day at 3:30 o'clock, when both sides should be heard, and all argument closed. Messrs. Bailey and Winbourne both favored postponement. Mr. Embrey moved that the bill be

made a special order for Thursday evening, January 6th, at 8 o'clock, that each member be furnished with a printed copy of the measure in the mean time, and that an hour and a half be allowed each side for discussion. This was adopted.

Mr. C. V. Meredith was then introduced to the body and explained the provisions of the measure. He said he was present. not as an employed attorney and not at the solicitation of any one, but because he found that the present law worked an njustice. The bill was drafted very simi-

lar to that of the English act.

After Mr. Meredith's very forcible remarks, in which he showed that the law at present gave more protection to a man's dog than to his fellow-servant, the committee adjourned.

DISCUSS ANTI-TRADING-STAMP BILL

Two Henrings Yesterday, and the Measure Passed by Till After Xmas. There were two fights before the House Committee on Banks, Currency, and Commerce yesterday, when the anti-trading

stamp bill again came up for consideration. The first meeting was held in the morning and the second in the afternoon. The result was that, after a good dea of argument, it was finally decided to postpone the further consideration of the measure until after the Christmas holi-

days, when it will come up January 6th.

Among the gentlemen who spoke in favor of the bill were Mr. George McD. Blake; Mr. Meyer, of Julius Meyer's Sons, dry goods; Mr. West, groceries; Mr. Thalhimer, dry goods; Mr. Hoffheimer, shoe dealer; Mr. Henry C. Beattle and R. C. Broaddus, Esq., of Manchester;

R. C. Broaddus, Esq., of Manchester, Mr. Coleman, grocer.

Those who spoke against the measure were Mr. E. G. Flood, General Wemple, and Mr. Harris, of the trading stamp concern. Mr. S. L. Bloomberg, also appeared as counsel for the latter, and the merchants who use this mode of advertising, and made a forcible argument in opposition to the measure. In order to opposition to the measure. In order to appear as counsel before a legislative committee he paid the State the license

committee he paid the State the license tax of \$100 required by law.

At the second meeting, which was held at 6 o'clock, Delegates Borley, of Alexandria; Jennings, of Lynchburg, and Klzer, of Norfolk, appeared and urged that the bill be passed by until after the holidays. They had received letters from their constituents, in opposition to the measure, though they were not prepared to say then just how they themselves from NEW YORK, December 20.—(Special.)—
o the W. Ryan, Astor; J. T. Werth, Maripared borough; J. B. Douglass and wife, Holselves land; J. W. Hopkins, Grand.

a committee to act with a like committee from the Maryland Legislature in settling the boundary line between the two States. The Senator has been utterly unable to find the papers of the last survey made, and Congressman Jones has written him that they cannot be found at Annapolis. Until they are produced the work of the committee cannot be taken up.

MR. BUFORD IS NOT READY. The joint committee to investigate the charges against Judge Turnbull may though it is understood meet to-night, that Mr. Buford is not yet ready to Senator Turnbull, who begin the case. Senator Turnbull, who is a cousin of the Judge, is very active in having the investigation be made as thorough as possible, though he regrets that it was undertaken. He is confi-dent that the evidence will completely

exonerate Judge Turnbull. THE ANTI-FLIRTATION BILL. Senator McCune says he is assured that his bill to prevent the annoyance of the teachers and pupils of female schools by would-be mashers will pass the Sen-Mr. Gillis, superintendent of the Rich- ate. He has received several letters from proving of the bill. The Senator he had seen so many disgusting instances of the evils which his bill aims to

correct that he is convinced the measure is one of the highest importance. HE CANED CAPTAIN PARKS. Captain R. S. Parks, delegate from Page and Rappahannock counties, was presented a few days ago with a beau-tiful cane by his friend, J. P. Brown. Brown, though now a resident of this city, was till recently a citizen of

Page county, and has always been a warm friend of Mr. Parks. TO PREVENT HUNTING AT NIGHT. The bill presented in the House by Hon. R. G. Wood, of Chesterfield, to prohibit the hunting of wild fowl in the waters of the Commonwealth within the coun-ties of Chesterfield, Prince George, and Charles City between the hours of sunset and sunrise, in a brush or with sneak boats, was discussed before the com-mittee on the Chesapeake and Its Tributaries yesterday afternoon. The bill imposes a fine of \$5 for the first offence, and in default of which imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not less than ten nor more than thirty days is provided. The fine is to be \$10 for subsequent violation of the provision of the bill, the term of imprisonment remaining the same. The bill was amended to include the killing of wild-fowl be

tween the hours mentioned in any man ner, and then reported favorably. OYSTER BILL PASSED BY. The bill offered in the House by Dr Charles Smith, of Northampton, to amend the present oyster law in reference to dredging oysters was also discussed by the committee. seeks to reduce the number of acres from 100, as is the present law ing dredging, to fifty acres, and it proing dredging, to fitty acres, and it pro-poses to tax the owner or lessee of said planting-ground 25 cents per acre for the privilege thus conferred. The bill was discussed at length, and finally passed

Mr. Charles T. Bland, of Portsmouth. strongly advocates the investigation of the charges against Judge Turnbull, and does not oppose them as reported." He thinks Judge Turnbull should be given every opportunity to clear himself of the charges, and is confident of his ability to do so.

Personals and Briefs,

Dr. Hunter McGuire has been confined to his room for some days with an acute attack of gout. He is recovering now, however. Misses Kate and Rosa Cardozo,

Lanenburg Courthouse, are visiting the family of Mr. W. Emmett Cardozo, No. 515 north Eleventh street, city. Sunday's New York Herald, on a pag devoted to "Prospective Brides," an excellent picture of Miss Bessie

tin, of this city, who is soon to wed a resident of the metropolis. Frank Homewood, a native of England, passed through Richmond yesterday on foot. He is walking from Norfolk to Philadelphia for a wager, and says he expects to be in the Quaker City Christmas-day.

Potomac Lodge of Masons, of Washing

Potomac Lodge of Masons, of Washing-ton, has presented Richmond-Randolph Lodge, No. 18, of this city, with a hand-somely mounted photograph of the gavel used by George Washington in laying the corner-stone of the Capitol building at Washington. Richmonders in New York.

his toys and getting things ready for Christmas. He will not forget the little ones, though, and says he purposes visiting every house in Richmond in which there lives a child. The names of the young writers whose letters Santa desires to acknowledge as having been received up to Thursday

night are hereto appended; Ruben Andrews, Charley and Irving Anderson, Nannie Alley, Doc Allen, Louis S. Arnall, Parker Angle, Katie, Willie, and Hazel Asher, Rollins and Allen Am

mons. Lena W. Booker, Charley M. Baker, Minnie Burkert, Stella, Bertha, and Jose-phine Barker, Louis Bowles, Linda Bever-Bob Beverley, Annie and Bennie Baar, Marion S. Branch, Roy Batkins, Marion Batkins, Bennie Bell, Reginald and Avis C. Bosher, Elsie Lee Ball, Charley and Ruby Brauer, Wallace Pres-ton and John Mercer Burrell, B. B. Boone, Annie Biesen, Edwin and Dan Boaz, Wise Blackwell, John Botto,

Ethel, Lillie, and Marle Baughan, Minnie Crump, Paul and Eliza Chris-ian, Thomas Bosher Carter, Earl Colgin, mas Evans and Broder Edgar Cocker, Carlisle Hines Clarke, Henry Cowardin, Mandie and Elsey Carter, Helen Crooks, Marie Cheatwood, Mamie Cottrell, Minnie Cavedo, Mary Louise Card, Natalie Cur-tis, Robert Childress, Gabrilla and Walter Claytor, N Campbell, Norman Cavanaugh, and May

Warren Dance, Bessle Dabney, and Fannie Dabney.

Harry and Mary Eubank, 302 south Pine R. Ellyson Ewell, Helen Epps, Donal Pegram Ellyson, and Josephine Ellett. F. Genevieve, Annie, Marie, and Johnnie

Felthaus, Staunton; Nannie Frayser, Lloyd L. and Goldie L. Ford, Minnie Florence Fischer, Stanley Hoge Free-man, Ross Ford, Lottle Faulconer, Nan-nie Floyd, Minnie and Otto Fink, Minnie E. Fox, Everett Allan Fairlamb, and Freddie and Lillie Fischer. Margie T. and William Harwood Gilman, Mamie, Marion Page, and Ethel May Gentry, Willie Grasberger, Katle

Goode, Elise Goode, Elma Graves, Olli-Gertrude Griffin, Robert Ryland Gwath-mey, Johnnie and Lister Griffin, H. Percival Gray, Jr., and Milton and Louise Rives Haynes, Mabel H. Harmon, Annie Harton, Shervin Howard, Sophia Hooper, Louise and Frayser Herman, Josephine

Marie, Emmie, and Dora Hartung, Lloyd Hudson, Josie Heeke, Harwood S. Haynes, and Richard Henry Hardesty. Minnie Jurgens, Freddie S., Howard C., Lucy, and Nannie L. Joynes, Ethel Louise

and Madeline Heeke, Willie Hutcheson

Johnston, Herbert Jacob, and Toler Helm Jones. Emma Rosie Keith, Lula Burnley Kirk, Freddie and Clifton Kay, Sadie Marie Kessier, Lenore and Madelon Kalbe, Annie King, Andrew Krouse, Jemmie Ken nedy, and Jimmie King.

Bessie Lipscomb, Walter J. Luffsey, T. Carroll Lamb, Joseph Lynch, and Lucy Stuart Lindsay. M John Broaddus Mitchell. Marguerite B. Manning, Persons Morgan, Roger Walker Mercer, Edna and Laura Morgan, Page Mauck, Julia Morgan, Harry McCartney, Lorine Merkel, Agnes Mackey, Eugene, Edith, and Gertrude William and Warren Mo

L. Noel Lee, Clifford, Madeline, Ralph, and

Henry Miller, Jr., Charles G. Miller Laura Morgan, and Ray Melton. Lily and Mary Nesslage, Emma Norris. and Byron Lee Nicholas, Manchester, O.

Petersburg: Raymond and Lucile Mere

dith Massey, Bryan and Irene McCullen

Aubrey Lee Owen, Hattle and Eugle O'Brien, Alice O'Brien, Jennie and Lee Odell, and Alice Eloise O'Brien, P. Alinthus Peters, Christian Phillips, Louis Parsley, Nell Potts, Ruby Priddy, Irvin A. and Pearl R. Priddy, Ira Bright Priddy, Mosely Patterson, Fannie Pol-tiaux, Josie Plageman, Henry Plageman, Jr., Flossie Perdue, Marie Louise Potts,

Dora A. Riley, Irma and Gladys Ritter Leroy Rowe, Oliver Worsham and Alvin Freeman Rudd, John Rebman, Jr., Mat-

Puller.

had spread to the sixth floor, and they finally reached the fifth floor.

All the building is completely gutted.

of \$25,000, also covered by insurance.

lishments and Vessels,

damaged in collisions. It is feared that the fleet from Glouces-ter and the herring fleet now loading in

It was said without contradiction that

Mary Lee, Pearl, and Lula and Hattle

WILL AFFECT BIG CORPORATIONS.

Companies-What the Act Provides. Hon. E. W. Saunders has introduced

Mr. Saunders, in speaking of the measure, said: "As has been declared by property in connection with its fran-

The measure, as a revenue-getter,

The bill provides that any person or persons, joint stock association or corporation, wherever organized or incororated, engaged in the business of conveying to, from, or through this State, or any part thereof, money, packages, gold, silver, plate, or other articles by exress, not including the ordinary lines of transportation or merchandise and property in this State, shall be deemed to be an express company. Any person or perns, joint stock association, or corporation, wherever organized or incorporated, engaged in the business of transmitting to, from, through, or in this State tele-graph messages, shall be deemed to be a telegraph company. And any person or porated, engaged in the business of trans-

Every such company doing business in

ending January 31st, of business wherever

ments shall be prepared, and on appli-cation, furnished any company by the

DUTIES OF THE BOARD. do at the regular annual meeting. At the annual meeting, the Auditor of

the property of such companies.

Any company failing to file a statement under the provisions of this act shall forfeit to the Commonwealth of Virginia the sum of \$500, and an additional sum of \$100 for each day's omission after the third Monday in May, to file such statement. The Attorney-General, on the request of the president of said board, shall proceed to collect these forfeitures according to the provisions of